

all functions, records, equipment, appropriations, other property, and personnel granted to the department of social services by provisions of Chapter 209 are transferred to that department by this order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-eight.

/s/ Harold E. Hughes  
Governor

Attest:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Issued Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 1 - 6, 1968, as Student Nurse Week

Issued Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 24 through 30, 1968, as Square Dance Week

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### NUMBER ELEVEN

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest in the State of Iowa that a continuous effort be made to provide the people of the state with an effective and efficient government to meet their needs; that state services should be rendered at the minimum possible cost; that the services of the state should be available with minimum inconvenience to the citizen; and that state government should provide a competent mechanism for continuous state development by serving as a structure for local government involvement in policy formulation and execution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold E. Hughes, Governor of Iowa, in order to determine the manner in which and the time within which a regional concept of state government may be implemented in Iowa, do order and direct that the steps herein specified be taken by all departments, commissions and agencies of the State of Iowa:

#### Article I NEED FOR A REGIONAL CONCEPT OF STATE GOVERNMENT

It is essential that action be taken to obtain coordination and unity in providing state services to Iowa's citizens. At the present time, state departments, agencies and commissions administer their services within a confusing patchwork of overlapping regions, without the benefit of commonly defined areas or coordinated services. This practice complicates the planning and administration of programs at the local, state and federal levels; reduces the productivity of state officials and employees; and results in unnecessary confusion and inconvenience to the citizen who must travel or communicate with first one place and then another in an attempt to obtain interrelated state services. The implementation of a regional concept of state government will serve to answer these needs for coordinated state government services.

#### Article II RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR REGIONALIZATION

In January, 1967, the Office for Planning and Programming was directed by this office to study the need for coordinating state services, to review all earlier studies and recommendations related to this need, and to make specific recommendations to answer the need.

The results of this study and the specified recommendations with respect to it are now complete and are contained in a document entitled